

still in his teens and not even having graduated high school yet—Feller was pitching to some of his boyhood heroes in front of crowds of tens of thousands of people all across America. He dazzled all who saw him play.

Barely old enough to shave, he found himself playing Major League Baseball for the Cleveland Indians in 1936. He faced the greatest baseball stars of the 1930s, 1940s and 1950s Ted Williams, Lou Gehrig, Hank Greenberg, Mickey Mantle, Nellie Fox.

Frequent opponent and purist hitter Joe DiMaggio said in 1941 about Feller, “I don’t think anyone is ever going to throw a ball faster than he does.”

A sports reporter said of Feller’s pitching, “And his curveball isn’t human.”

We have all read about Bob Feller’s amazing baseball career spent entirely with the Cleveland Indians where he was the winningest pitcher in club history with 266 wins.

He was an eight-time All Star. He captured a World Series ring in 1948. He pitched three no-hitters, including the only Opening Day no-hitter. He retired with 2,581 career strikeouts. He is enshrined in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

These are impressive statistics for arguably the best pitcher to ever take the mound. But these stats and this “farm to fame” story is not what made Bob Feller a patriot or hero.

On December 7, 1941, the United States suffered a horrific attack by the Japanese when they bombed us at Pearl Harbor, HI. Just 2 days later after that horrific attack, Bob Feller did something selfless—he signed up to serve in the U.S. Navy to fight in World War II. This caused him to miss playing in the Major Leagues for a solid chunk of his career. He walked away from further baseball glory and records and achievements. Pure selflessness. He served voluntarily as a chief petty officer on the USS *Alabama* between 1941 and 1945.

Although most will remember him for his curveball, Bob Feller most wanted to be recognized for his service in World War II defending the United States from totalitarian powers and promoting liberty and freedom around the world.

Bob Feller’s military service and love of country is what he ultimately wanted people to remember.

Across the plains there are everyday heroes serving us now, promoting security for Americans and freedom and liberty abroad. While they may not have sacrificed a professional sports career, they are still heroes and patriots nonetheless. Bob Feller would certainly agree with that assessment.

In Iowa, we grow more than just crops on the farm. We grow heroes, too—heroes like Bob Feller, everyday heroes.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to

the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Chiappardi, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4853) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The message also announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 30. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.

S. 841. An act to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation.

S. 3036. An act to establish the National Alzheimer’s Project.

S. 3199. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 3386. An act to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet.

S. 3860. An act to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

S. 4005. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the proceeds or instrumentalities of foreign crime located in the United States from being shielded from foreign forfeiture proceedings.

H.R. 2941. An act to reauthorize and enhance Johanna’s Law to increase public awareness and knowledge with respect to gynecologic cancers.

H.R. 4337. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify certain rules applicable to regulated investment companies, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4853. An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6198. An act to amend title 11 of the United States Code to make technical corrections; and for related purposes.

H.R. 6516. An act to make technical corrections to provisions of law enacted by the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010.

The enrolled bills were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

At 4:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6533. An act to implement the recommendations of the Federal Communications Commission report to the Congress regarding low-power FM service, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 335. Concurrent resolution honoring the exceptional achievements of Ambassador Richard Holbrooke and recognizing the significant contributions he has made to United States national security, humanitarian causes, and peaceful resolutions of international conflict.

H. Con. Res. 336. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of second session of the One Hundredth Eleventh Congress.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 628) to establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1107) to enact certain laws relating to public contracts as title 41, United States Code, ‘Public Contracts’.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 235 of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-211), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House of Representatives to the Indian Law and Order Commission: Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN of South Dakota and Mr. POMEROY of North Dakota.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

At 5:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 3447. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve educational assistance for veterans who served in the Armed Forces after September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4602. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1332 Sharon Copley Road in Sharon Center, Ohio, as the “Emil Bolas Post Office”.

H.R. 5133. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 331 1st Street in Carlstadt, New Jersey, as the “Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill and Lance Corporal Michael A. Schwarz Post Office Building”.

H.R. 5605. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 47 East Fayette Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, as the “George C. Marshall Post Office”.

H.R. 5606. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located

at 47 South 7th Street in Indiana, Pennsylvania, as the "James M. 'Jimmy' Stewart Post Office Building".

H.R. 5655. An act to designate the Little River Branch facility of the United States Postal Service located at 140 NE 84th Street in Miami, Florida, as the "Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 5877. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 655 Centre Street in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, as the "Lance Corporal Alexander Scott Arredondo, United States Marine Corps Post Office Building".

H.R. 6392. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5003 Westfields Boulevard in Centreville, Virginia, as the "Colonel George Juskalian Post Office Building".

H.R. 6400. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 111 North 6th Street in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "Earl Wilson, Jr. Post Office".

At 6:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 3874. An act to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reduce lead in drinking water.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 6523. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2011 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 8:38 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 105. Joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

The enrolled joint resolution was subsequently signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. DURBIN).

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following joint resolution was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S.J. Res. 42. Joint resolution to extend the continuing resolution until February 18, 2011.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 17, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 30. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit manipulation of caller identification information.

S. 1405. An act to redesignate the Longfellow National Historic Site, Massachusetts, as the "Longfellow House-Washington's Headquarters National Historic Site".

S. 1774. An act for the relief of Hotaru Nakama Ferschke.

S. 3199. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act regarding early detection, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing loss.

S. 3386. An act to protect consumers from certain aggressive sales tactics on the Internet.

S. 3860. An act to require reports on the management of Arlington National Cemetery.

S. 4005. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prevent the proceeds or instrumentalities of foreign crime located in the United States from being shielded from foreign forfeiture proceedings.

S. 4010. An act for the relief of Shigeru Yamada.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8533. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Use of Community Development Loans by Community Financial Institutions to Secure Advances; Secured Lending by Federal Home Loan Banks to Members and their Affiliates; Transfer of Advances and New Business Activity Regulations" (RIN2590-AA24) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8534. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Confidentiality of Suspicious Activity Reports" (RIN1557-AD17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8535. A communication from the Regulatory Specialist, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Standards Governing the Release of a Suspicious Activity Report" (RIN1557-AD16) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8536. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Implementation of Additional Changes from the 2009 Annual Review of the Entity List" (RIN0694-AF01) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8537. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Updated Statements of Legal Authority to Reflect Continuation of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 12938" (RIN0694-AF05) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 13, 2010; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8538. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County" (FRL No. 9233-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8539. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Corrections to the Standards Applicable to Generators of Hazardous Waste; Alternative Requirements for Hazardous Waste Determination and Accumulation of Unwanted Material at Laboratories Owned by Colleges and Universities and Other Eligible Academic Entities Formally Affiliated With Colleges and Universities" (FRL No. 9240-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8540. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Removal of Saccharin and Its Salts from the Lists of Hazardous Constituents, Hazardous Wastes, and Hazardous Substances" (FRL No. 9239-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8541. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants, Commonwealth of Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerator (HMIWI) Units, Negative Declaration and Withdrawal of EPA Plan Approval" (FRL No. 9240-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8542. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Minnesota" (FRL No. 9239-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8543. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Wisconsin; The Milwaukee-Racine and Sheboygan Areas; Determination of Attainment of the 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards" (FRL No. 9238-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8544. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources" (FRL No. 9238-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2010; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8545. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application for Approval of Extension of Amortization Period"